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<p align="center">Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal</p> <p>Address to: Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450</p>	<i>Application Number</i>	09/328,939
	<i>Filing Date</i>	June 9, 1999
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	<i>Art Unit</i>	1765
	<i>Examiner Name</i>	Shamim Ahmed
	<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	018867-000410US

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.
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a. Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

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ii. Other Notice of Appeal

b. Enclosed

i. Amendment/Reply

ii. Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)

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2. **Miscellaneous**

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

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RESPONSE ACCOMPANYING
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action including final rejection mailed April 7, 2004, please enter the following amendments and remarks. This response is accompanied by the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.